Effective July 1, 2010, the "Mark Wandall Traffic Safety Program" authorizes the use of traffic infraction detectors, commonly known as red-light running cameras, on Florida's roads, streets and highways. Based on photographs and video taken by these cameras, local traffic-infraction enforcement officers may impose a \$158 penalty on the registered owner of the vehicle for failure to stop at a red light.

The Miami Beach Police Department will issue red light camera Violation Notifications pursuant to Florida State Statutes. The Violation Notification will note the date and time the motor vehicle was identified by a camera or cameras synchronized to automatically record two or more sequenced photographic images or streaming video at a listed intersection. The failure of a motor vehicle to stop behind the stop bar or clearly marked stop line when facing a traffic control signal steady red light which violates Florida Statute 316.074(1) or 316.075(1)(c)1authorizing the City of Miami Beach to issue a uniform traffic citation for this violation.

Registered owners of a motor vehicles involved in red light camera violations must pay the assessed penalty of \$158 to the City of Miami Beach within 30 days following the date of the Violation Notification. Failure to pay the \$158 within the 30 days of the Violation Notification shall result in the issuance of a UNIFORM TRAFFIC CITATION, and may result in additional court fees and costs.

In the event the registered owner fails to pay the assessed penalty of One Hundred and Fifty Eight dollars (\$158.00) within 30 days of the Violation Notification, a uniform traffic citation will be issued for a violation of Section 316.0083 of the Florida Statutes, which is a noncriminal infraction. A person charged with a violation of Section 316.0083 of the Florida Statutes, who does not elect to appear shall pay the civil penalty and delinquent fee, if applicable, either by mail or in person, within 30 days after the date of issuance of the Uniform Traffic Citation. If the registered owner of the vehicle fails to follow this procedure, they shall be deemed to have admitted to the infraction and to have waived their right to a hearing on the issue of commission of the infraction. Such admission shall not be used as evidence in any other proceedings.

Registered vehicle owners have the right to elect an appearance before the designated official. A registered vehicle owner who elects to appear before the designated official shall be deemed to have waived their right to the civil penalty provisions of Section 318.18 of the Florida Statutes. The official, after a hearing, shall make a determination as to whether a violation has been committed. If the commission of a violation has been proven, the official may impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$500. The commission of a charged violation at a hearing must be proved beyond a reasonable doubt.

THE PAYMENT OF THE ASSESSED PENALTY SHALL NOT RESULT IN THE IMPOSITION OF POINTS UNDER THE ESTABLISHED POINT SYSTEM, AND SHALL NOT BE USED FOR PURPOSES OF SETTING MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE RATES.

## A REGISTERED OWNER MAY CHOOSE ONE OF THE TWO FOLLOWING OPTIONS THAT ARE SET FORTH BELOW:

## 1. I DO NOT CONTEST THE VIOLATION NOTIFICATION AND I ELECT TO PAY THE ASSESSED PENALTY.

If you wish to pay the assessed penalty, remit payment by the due date on this Violation Notification.

If not paid within 30 days of this Violation Notification, a Uniform Traffic Citation shall be issued, and none of the following payment options will be available.

## **Payment Options:**

PAY BY WEB: Go to www.miamibeachfl.gov to pay via credit card (VISA/MC).

<u>PAY BY TELEPHONE:</u> Call 1-866-814-0002 and follow the automated prompts. Please have your Violation Notification number and credit card ready.

<u>PAY BY MAIL:</u> Check or money order should be made payable to the City of Miami Beach. Mail your payment and remittance stub to: P.O. Box 1730 Denver, CO 80201-1730. Write the Violation Notification number and license plate number on your check or money order to ensure proper credit. Returned checks are subject to electronic redeposit for the face amount and a returned check fee of \$35.00. DO NOT SEND CASH.

<u>WALK-IN PAYMENTS:</u> Pay in person (Monday-Friday) City Hall, 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach, FL 33139 (8:30am-5:00pm), Miami Beach, Florida. Methods of payment accepted are cash, check, money order or credit card (Visa/MC).

## 2. I AM SUBMITTING AN AFFIDAVIT.

The motor vehicle owner involved in the violation is responsible and liable for paying the Violation Notification and/or the Uniform Traffic Citation issued for a violation of Sections 316.074(1) or 316.075(1)(c)1. when the driver failed to stop at a traffic signal, unless the motor vehicle owner, within 30 days from the date of the Violation Notification, submits an affidavit to the City of Miami Beach, which is available at <a href="https://www.miamibeachfl.gov">www.miamibeachfl.gov</a>, setting forth one of the following circumstances:

- ☐ The motor vehicle passed through the intersection in order to yield right-of-way to an emergency vehicle or as part of a funeral procession.
- □ The motor vehicle passed through the intersection at the direction of a law enforcement officer.
- □ The motor vehicle was, at the time of the violation, in the care, custody or control of another person. An affidavit supporting this exemption must include the name, address, date of birth, and, if known, the driver's license number of the person who leased, rented, or otherwise had care, custody, or control of the motor vehicle at the time of the alleged violation. If the vehicle was stolen at the time of the violation, the affidavit must include the police report indicating that the vehicle was stolen.
- □ A uniform traffic citation was issued by a law enforcement officer to the driver of the motor vehicle for the alleged violation of Sections 316.074(1) or 316.075(1)(c)1 of the Florida Statutes. The affidavit must include the serial number of the uniform traffic citation.